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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
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**E-VERIFY  
PROGRAM  
EMPLOYER**

Deborah A. Gist  
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**VACANCY NOTICE**

**AUGUST 23, 2010**

**DIVISION OF EDUCATOR EXCELLENCE & INSTRUCTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS  
OFFICE OF INSTRUCTION, ASSESSMENT & CURRICULUM**

**\* ASSESSMENT SPECIALIST**

**\$74,373 - \$90,373**

With support from federal Race to the Top funds, the R.I. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE) is recruiting a number of talented and dynamic professionals and support staff to help us transform education in Rhode Island and prepare all of our students for success in college, careers, and life. Our exciting, high-energy environment offers a wonderful opportunity for innovative, resourceful, and dedicated individuals looking to make a difference in the lives of students and to make our public schools America's best.

**APPLICATION PERIOD:**

All resumes must be received or postmarked  
on or before **September 3, 2010**  
or until position is filled.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

Send cover letter, resume and two  
current letters of reference to:

Rhode Island Department of Education  
Office of Human Resource Development  
255 Westminster St.  
Providence, RI 02903

or email to: [lisa.vieira@ride.ri.gov](mailto:lisa.vieira@ride.ri.gov)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Candidates selected for interview will be required to submit official transcripts.

**DUTIES AND**

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

See attached job description.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES CAN BE ARRANGED IN ORDER TO PERFORM THE ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE JOB.

**\*This is a new position at RIDE, and it is to be funded through the Race to the Top grant for the award period of 2010-11 through 2014-15. Funding for continuation of the position beyond the award period is not guaranteed.**

(Position is part of Local 2012, AFT)

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**DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY  
EDUCATION  
NONCLASSIFIED JOB DESCRIPTION**

**TITLE:** Assessment Specialist

**GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:** Incumbents are responsible for leading and supporting standards-driven educational reform by coordinating assessment and accountability activities to ensure that all students will reach high standards.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED:** Works under the supervision of a manager with wide latitude to exercise independent judgement. Work is subject to review on a periodic basis or upon completion for results achieved and for adherence to professional standards of conduct.

**SUPERVISION EXERCISED:** Generally none. May work as part of teams and in collaboration with others with wide latitude for the exercise of independent judgement to achieve results. May be involved in providing input to the performance management process as a peer or colleague as appropriate.

**ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED AND ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

Coordinates, develops, designs, and implements school and district accountability models/systems for NCLB and overall school reform.

Directs the administration of statewide assessments including design, scoring, reporting and vendor management.

Develops, in collaboration with other states, applicable State Standards for assigned subject area and related assessments.

Conducts workshops on data analysis, accountability, state testing, and other relevant topics to varied audiences including departmental staff, and district and school personnel.

Supports schools and district capacity to use assessment and accountability data in the development and on-going implementation of strategic plans that will improve the performance of all students.

Provides technical reports and briefs to local, State, and Federal officials.

Performs related work as assigned.

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS**

**KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:**

Knowledge of applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations.

Knowledge of standards-driven curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

Knowledge of accommodations and alternate assessment for inclusion of all students in State assessments.

Knowledge of professional development systems related to standards-driven curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

Knowledge of assessment development methods.

Knowledge of statistical and psychometric methods.

Knowledge of electronic data systems.

Skilled in organizing information and data.

Skilled in managing projects and programs including large-scale contracts.

Skilled in developing large-scale assessments and their assessment systems.

Skilled in developing standards-driven curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

Skilled in developing accommodations and alternate assessments related to inclusion of all students in state assessment.

Skilled in analyzing and interpreting data.

Skilled in preparing reports.

Skilled in facilitating meetings and professional development and technical assistance systems.

Skilled in communicating and interpersonal exchanges as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, education agencies, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

**EDUCATION:** Master's Degree in Education or related field with coursework in assessment preferred.

**EXPERIENCE:** Three to five years of teaching and/or program management experience.

**and/or** any combination of knowledge, skills and experience that is substantially equivalent.

Reasonable accommodations can be made for qualified individuals with a disability.

**Date: September 2004**